

AN ORDINANCE

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**APPROVING AN ADDENDUM RELATED TO THE  
CREATION OF AN URBAN LIBRARY DISTRICT  
TO THE CITY'S STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM  
FOR THE 79<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE SESSION THAT WAS  
ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 99966, PASSED  
AND APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 4, 2004.**

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**WHEREAS**, prior to the convening of each regular session of the Texas Legislature, the City of San Antonio identifies legislative priorities that it believes should be addressed by state lawmakers and the City organizes its legislative program into two distinct issue categories: initiatives and endorsements; and

**WHEREAS**, initiatives are legislative priorities in which the City actively seeks introduction and passage of appropriate legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, endorsements are legislative priorities in which the City does not play a primary advocacy role, but works collectively with other affected parties by communicating its support for issues in this category; and

**WHEREAS**, by this Addendum, staff seeks approval to add an initiative to the City's State Legislative Program for the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session ("Program") which would amend the Local Government Code by allowing a municipality to create an urban library district; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 326 of the Texas Local Government Code currently provides for the establishment of library districts in order to facilitate the creation and financing of public libraries in rural and suburban areas of the state and places the responsibility of executing the steps necessary for the creation or expansion of such districts with county commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas law does not provide the mechanism, structure or financing options necessary to enable a large, existing municipal library system to transition to a more regional, more broadly funded structure that can serve the needs currently facing the San Antonio metropolitan area and as a result, this Ordinance proposes that the City pursue legislation creating options for the City of San Antonio, Bexar County and other municipalities in the county to participate in the creation of a library district that will build upon the existing assets and funding that are already in place; and

**WHEREAS**, at the direction of the City Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee, City staff recommends approval of this Addendum to the Program; **NOW THEREFORE**:


**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** An addendum to the City's State Legislative Program for the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session that was originally adopted by Ordinance No. 99966, passed and approved on November 4, 2004, related to the creation of an urban library district is hereby authorized and approved. A copy of said Addendum is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment I.

**SECTION 2.** City Staff is hereby directed to inform the Bexar County Legislative Delegation of this Addendum to the Program and to undertake such steps as are reasonably necessary to obtain passage of the City's urban library district initiative during the current 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.



M A Y O R

EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
for City Attorney

# Agenda Voting Results

**Name:** 26.

**Date:** 04/07/05

**Time:** 04:26:57 PM

**Vote Type:** Multiple selection

**Description:** An Ordinance approving an addendum related to the creation of an urban library district to the City's State Legislative Program for the 79th Legislative Session that was adopted by Ordinance No. 99966, passed and approved on November 4, 2004. [Presented by Christopher J. Brady, Assistant City Manager; J. Rolando Bono, Interim City Manager]

Voter	Group	Status	Yes	No	Abstain
ROGER O. FLORES	DISTRICT 1	Not present	x		
JOEL WILLIAMS	DISTRICT 2				
RON H. SEGOVIA	DISTRICT 3		x		
RICHARD PEREZ	DISTRICT 4			x	
PATTI RADLE	DISTRICT 5		x		
ENRIQUE M. BARRERA	DISTRICT 6		x		
JULIAN CASTRO	DISTRICT 7		x		
ART A. HALL	DISTRICT 8		x		
CARROLL SCHUBERT	DISTRICT 9	Not present			
CHIP HAASS	DISTRICT_10		x		
MAYOR ED GARZA	MAYOR			x	